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Mayor Kawakami signs sixth supplementary emergency proclamation, extends rule and order

LĪHU'E – Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami has signed a sixth supplementary emergency proclamation on Thursday, Jan. 3, for the County of Kaua'i, extending the emergency relief period for damages sustained during the flood of April 2018.

"This sixth supplementary emergency proclamation comes as a reminder that our North Shore community is still struggling to recover from the devastating flood nearly eight months later," said Mayor Kawakami. "We will continue to work with our state partners as they work towards opening Kūhiō Highway to normal traffic; but until then, we must stay positive and extend our hearts and support to our friends on the North Shore."

The mayor's sixth supplementary emergency proclamation further declares the provisions of all previous emergency proclamations. The disaster emergency relief period shall now continue until terminated 60 days after January 3, 2019, or by a separate proclamation – whichever comes first.

This proclamation also extends an emergency rule and order prohibiting the operation of Transient Vacation Rentals (TVR) in the Lumaha'i, Wainiha, and Hā'ena area, and limiting the accessibility to said area.

Access in the areas listed above remains limited to the following persons, agencies, and organizations:

- 1. Residents (no visitors);
- County/state/federal governmental employees and verified governmental contractors;
- 3. Employees and volunteers for the following types of non-governmental organizations:
 - a. Utility providers;
 - b. Recognized humanitarian/disaster response and recovery entities;
 - c. Insurance industry Serving verified residents/property owners;
 - d. Residential or infrastructure construction/repair contractors Serving verified residents/property owners;
 - e. Area businesses and non-profits engaged by County/State/Federal government in response/recovery operations; and
 - f. Other NGO entities, as approved or requested by the County of Kaua'i, State of Hawai'i or the federal government.
- 4. Vehicles with a GVWR of 8 tons (16,000 lbs.) and under, with Hawai'i Department of Transportation-authorized exceptions for appropriate emergency response vehicles.

The public is warned that any person violating this emergency rule and order shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, the person(s) shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

A copy of the rule, along with the sixth supplementary emergency proclamation and previous emergency proclamations are available by visiting the County of Kaua'i's online "April 2018 Flood Recovery" page at, www.kauai.gov.